

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 175

To amend title 40, United States Code, to provide additional authority and definitions relating to public utility contracts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Ms. GIFFORDS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF LENGTH OF CONTRACTS FOR**
4 **RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ASSOCI-**
5 **ATED SERVICES.**

6 Section 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(B) PUBLIC UTILITY CONTRACTS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
10 vided in clause (ii), a contract for public

1 utility services may be made for a period
2 of not more than 10 years.

3 “(ii) RENEWABLE ENERGY CON-
4 TRACTS.—A contract for renewable energy
5 public utility services may be made for a
6 period of not more than 30 years.

7 “(iii) DEFINITIONS.—In this para-
8 graph:

9 “(I) PUBLIC UTILITY SERV-
10 ICES.—The term ‘public utility serv-
11 ices’ means generation, transmission,
12 distribution, or other services directly
13 used in providing electrical energy to
14 consumers.

15 “(II) RENEWABLE ENERGY.—
16 The term ‘renewable energy’ means
17 electrical energy generated from solar,
18 wind, biomass, landfill gas, ocean (in-
19 cluding tidal, wave, current, and ther-
20 mal), geothermal, municipal solid
21 waste, or new hydroelectric generation
22 capacity achieved from increased effi-
23 ciency, or additional new capacity at
24 an existing hydroelectric project, and
25 the transmission, distribution, or

1 other services directly used in pro-
2 viding electrical energy from such
3 sources.”.

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